a winding module including a plurality of field windings positioned in spaces between the pole faces and the fins, and a winding insulator disposed between each successive pair of the field windings, respectively; and

a winding block disposed between the winding module and a corresponding one of the fins in each respective one of the spaces between the pole faces and the fins,

the winding block being disposed in an initial engagement position with the winding module,

the winding block being shaped to be shifted radially outward from the initial engagement position to a final position relative to the winding module when the rotor assembly is rotated at about its rated speed thereby compressing the winding module.

9. (Amended once) A rotor assembly according to claim 8, wherein the tapered surface comprises a tapered surface angle, wherein the tapered surface angle is selected such that the winding block is shifted to the final position when the rotor assembly rotates at about its rated speed.

10. (Amended once) A rotor assembly according to claim 9, wherein the tapered surface further comprises a tapered surface friction coefficient, wherein the tapered surface friction coefficient is selected such that the winding block is shifted to the final position when the rotor assembly rotates at about its rated speed.

12. (Amended once) A rotor assembly according to claim 11, wherein the tapered surface comprises a tapered surface angle, wherein the tapered surface angle is selected such that the winding block is shifted to the final position when the rotor assembly rotates at about its rated speed.

13. (Amended once) A rotor assembly according to claim 12, wherein the tapered surface further comprises a tapered surface friction coefficient, wherein the tapered surface friction coefficient is selected such that the winding block is shifted to the final position when the rotor assembly rotates at about its rated speed.